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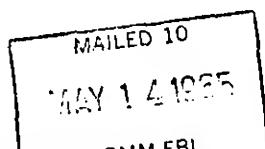
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Your letter of May 11th has been received.

It was certainly good of you to furnish me the benefit of your observations, and I appreciate them. I can assure you, however, that this Bureau is ever cognizant of its responsibilities, and it will continue to make every effort to discharge its obligations with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

U. S. News & World Report, 12-7-64  
U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64  
Senator Dodd's remarks, 2-25-65  
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May 11, 1965

Dear Mr Hoover;

I have been pondering over this man Martin Luther King as a leader of the Negro race here in the United States, as too wheather he is a citizen of this country, and if not should be stoped from any further demonstrations as has been carried on in the past. this I hope will be looked into by you, to forebid any unlawful person from a foreign land to enter United States for that purpose, or the overthrow of our Goverment. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Yours, CORRESPONDENCE

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I HAVE HAD MY MAID FOR 18 YEARS. TODAY SHE TOLD ME THAT THE  
NEGRO PEOPLE ARE AFRIAD OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. HOUSTON COULD  
BE THE NEXT OBJECTIVE ON HIS LIST.

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

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Enclosed are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned and dated as above, reporting information from [REDACTED] Two copies are furnished to the Atlanta Office, and [REDACTED] b(2) b7(D) one copy is enclosed for the information of Pittsburgh. Sources furnishing characterizations of individuals mentioned in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.) (42)
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- 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (42)
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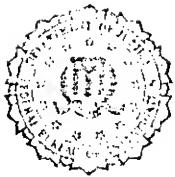
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ESTHER HEIFITS (PH) is unknown to the New York Office.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from a source, who has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NYO and the Communist infiltration thereof. In view of this, a "Secret" classification is necessary to protect [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Bureau 100-442529

New York, New York  
May 10, 1965

Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1965, that a conference of Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, SCLC), and his advisors, including Andy Young (Executive Director of the SCLC), Harry Wachtel and Bayard Rustin, took place on that date. According to the source, the following transpired: (u)

It was agreed that King would decline the invitation to attend the rally at Madison Square Garden (on June 8, 1965), to be held under the auspices of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE). His reason for declining will be attributed to pressing needs in Alabama in regard to the voting rights bill. (u)

Wachtel brought up the fact that the Hammermill Paper Company is having its annual meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday (May 11, 1965), and in that regard, there is a movement underway to have a sit-in to protest segregated policies of the company in its Alabama mills. The sit-in, sponsored by college students, is being promoted by Esther Heifits (phonetic), according to Wachtel's son, who is a student at Oberlin College in Ohio. (u)

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Another matter which was discussed was King's trip to New York, on Wednesday, May 12, 1965. In that regard, it was stated that he will arrive at Kennedy International Airport at 2:34 PM, and that all of those attending the conference will meet him. The purpose of the meeting, the source said, will be to go over plans for a summer project. X (u)

King's main purpose in coming to New York, the source said, is to speak on Long Island on Wednesday night, and at Queens College, Long Island, on Thursday afternoon. X (u)

The "Long Island Press", Saturday, May 8, 1965, reported that five Long Island communities will be visited by Martin Luther King on Wednesday before he is scheduled to speak at a voting rights rally in West Hempstead, at 8:00 PM, May 12, 1965. )

Wachtel told King that he would handle all arrangements in connection with his visit on Long Island. He also said he wanted to introduce King to some millionaires on the Island on Thursday morning. X (u)

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Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates

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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X (4)

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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APPENDIXNATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735)

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SUBJECT: CIRM  
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There are enclosed for the Bureau 9 copies of an LHM setting forth information furnished by [REDACTED] on b(2) 5/7/65, concerning conversations between STANLEY LEVISON b7(D) and CLARENCE JONES on that date. (u)

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(1 - 100-106670) (M. L. KING)  
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(1 - 100-6488) (SNCC) ADVISED BY ROUTING  
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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a source which is b(2) b7(D) furnishing highly sensitive information concerning the racial situation in the US and Communist influence therein. It is felt that this classification is necessary to protect this valuable source.

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It is noted that the original plan was for JONES to arrange with KING to meet with himself and LEVISON in Atlanta on either Sunday or Monday, May 2,3, 1965. NY instituted surveillance of JONES and placed him on the United Airlines Flight for Atlanta with HARRY BELAFONTE on the morning of 4/30/65. NY subsequently received information that JONES was returning to NY on Saturday, 5/1/65, which along with information that KING was going to Philadelphia, indicated that the conference between KING, LEVISON and JONES would not take place. (u)

It also was felt that since JONES was going to Atlanta on Friday that he would be the person to bring KING the speech he requested for his Philadelphia speaking engagement.

When information was developed by Philadelphia that KING was coming to NY on Saturday evening, a surveillance was conducted on LEVISON to cover any meeting he might make with KING. As indicated by the attached LHM, LEVISON did not meet with KING in NY on the night of 5/1/65, and, in fact, as LEVISON stated there was a complete misunderstanding between the three of them and that JONES should arrange a new meeting now tentatively scheduled for May 10 or 11, 1965 in Atlanta.

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New York, New York  
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A confidential source furnished the following information concerning contacts between Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones on May 2, 1965: ~~X~~ (u)

Levison told Jones that he saw the "person" in Philadelphia as he was being ushered into a meeting and this "person" told him that he would see Levison later. Levison said that he replied he would not be around. Jones stated that the only reason he would have stayed around would have been for the three of them getting together. Jones added that he was waiting to hear from either one of them as to whether he would go to Philadelphia. Levison commented that apparently there was a complete misunderstanding between the three of them and asked Jones to call Philadelphia and work out a meeting in the near future. ~~X~~ (u)

(It is noted that Martin Luther King was in Philadelphia over the weekend of May 1 and 2, where he was to address a bar association group). *U*

Subsequently, Clarence Jones contacted Martin Luther King who told Jones that things went well on May 1, 1965, and that Stan (Levison) brought the "statement". King added that he used the "thing" he worked up in New York because he did not have time to look at the material Stan brought him before going on stage. *U*

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King mentioned that he would return to Atlanta and be there until May 12, when he would go to New York for a meeting. Jones told him that there are a couple of pressing matters, both relating to the New York Office (of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) (SCLC) that needed to be discussed because "our friend" is going on a trip soon. They tentatively set a meeting for themselves and "our friend" for May 11, 1965 in Atlanta. (

The source has previously furnished information showing that when King and Jones discuss "our friend" they mean Stanley Levison. (

Jones also said that when King attends an Administrative Committee meeting (of SCLC) on May 6,7, 1965, he hopes King will discuss the Summer Community Organization and Political Education Project because this is a problem between the SCLC and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. (

Jones and King also discussed the handling of the proceeds from the "Broadway Answers Selma" show (held in New York City on April 4, 1965). King said the group should check with Wiley Branton (phonetic) about the money because he has handled gifts in the past. King wants the Anti-Defamation League to give the money directly to the Southern Regional Council since this league now has the money from the show. Jones agreed to discuss the matter with Branton (phonetic) who is now in Atlanta. (

Wiley Branton was chosen recently by Vice President Humphrey to be Executive Secretary of the President's Council on Equal Opportunity. (

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Later, Levison was again in contact with Jones who said he had spoken to King. Jones stated that King said the first chance they can meet will be the nights of May 10 and 11 in Atlanta. Levison said that he could make it and Jones added that all that remained was to confirm the date with King. X (u)

Levison proposed that they meet before seeing King, stating this would give them a framework from which to work and Jones agreed. Levison said the two main things to be considered are, the organization of the SCLC to make it a real organization and the questions around King personally. X (u)

Jones advised that King had placed top priority on a plan to find someone who could be what amounts to an executive vice president. King told Jones that if he knew anyone qualified he could hire him. Levison said he was glad King felt this way and that they would discuss it. Levison said he would like to suggest Larry Perkins of the United Negro College Fund. Jones remarked that he doubted that Perkins would be willing to go to Atlanta. X (u)

Levison further stated that they had to find someone who would work well with Jones and for this reason it is important that he and Jones find someone for this position. Jones commented that the problem is that there is a breakdown because there is nobody to take charge of things. Levison then added "in a certain sense it is what I do in New York in the New York Office. He never has any problems in connection with it because I make the decisions and then Adele (Kanter of the New York SCLC Office) just goes ahead and does it and that is what he needs in Atlanta on a far larger scale." X (u)

Levison and Jones agreed to discuss this at their next meeting. X (u)

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### Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

### Larry Perkins

A confidential source advised on March 5, 1954, that Larry Perkins was known to him to be a member of the Communist Party.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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May, 4, 1965

Title Communist Influence in Racial Matters

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Reference is made to the letterhead  
memorandum, dated and captioned as above at New  
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All sources (except any listed below) whose  
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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
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TO: Director, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, Knoxville (157-253)

THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE OF  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING

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Attached hereto for the Bureau are eight copies  
 and for Atlanta two copies of an LHM reporting information  
 received in the Knoxville Office on 4/30/65.

The sources from which this information was obtained  
 are as follows:

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The sources for Highlander Research and Education  
 Center are as follows:

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[REDACTED] is House of Representatives Select Com-  
 mittee to Investigate Foundations and Other Organizations,  
 which committee advised the Bureau by memo reflecting inter-  
 views with various witnesses, including BUDENZ.

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 the site for the Highlander Research and Education Center is  
 located has been appropriately advised concerning discussions

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among klansmen of Dr. KING'S reported trip to Blount County to dedicate the summer camp and the possibility of klansmen being involved in violence directed against him.

This information was furnished locally to OSI, ONI, G-2 and Secret Service.

The submitting office is following this matter through sources from which the above information was obtained.

No action is requested of the Atlanta Office.

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[REDACTED] Agent in Charge, ICG, Knoxville, was advised of the above information at 9:45 a.m., on May 3, 1965.

HIGHLANDER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

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[REDACTED] advised that the Highlander Folk School was an institution located near Monteagle, Tennessee; that it was an institution with classes on a seminar basis supported primarily by donations from individuals and from labor unions in the form of payments for students who attend, and to some extent by the Farmers' Union. It offered courses of instruction in labor organization, official economics, parliamentary procedure, and the general field of labor education.

This source added that this school has had Communist Party members on its staff and as instructors, and has followed the practice of welcoming Communist Party

THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

members as students, but to the source's knowledge the school has never offered courses of instruction in Communistic matters nor has the Communist element ever completely controlled the institution. ee

b7c) [redacted] advised that LOUIS BUDENZ, admitted former editor of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, and former official of the Communist Party, advised on November 21, 1952, that the Highlander Folk School was pro-Communist. BUDENZ did not give further details regarding this school. ee

The October 8, 1961 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a local daily newspaper published at Knoxville, Tennessee, contained an article reflecting the Highlander Folk School had announced plans for a similar school at Knoxville to be located at 1625 Riverside Drive. The article identified MYLES HORTON as Director of Highlander.

The December 17, 1961 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel contained an article reflecting that on December 16, 1961, assets of Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tennessee, were auctioned by the State of Tennessee under a court decree after the school was convicted of violating three Tennessee laws and failed in appeals to the State and United States Supreme Courts.

The July 8, 1962 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel contained an article reflecting the land on which Highlander Folk School was formerly located had been sold at public auction under court decree. The article stated that MYLES HORTON, Director of Highlander, during its entire existence, has moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, and has been granted a State Charter for an organization called Highlander Research and Education Center.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(Tennessee)

On March 20, 1961, a source advised that a state meeting of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was held at Harriman, Tennessee, on Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1961. GEORGE COMPTON, Grand Dragon, State of Tennessee, announced that the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was no longer in existence and Imperial Officer WESLEY MORGAN of Atlanta was present and announced the formation of a new organization, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The Source stated that members present from the Maryville, Harriman, and Dayton, Tennessee, chapters of the U. S. Klans, KKKK, Inc., voted unanimously to affiliate with the United Klans of America, Inc., KKKK. The Source advised that the Dayton, Tennessee, Klavern was not holding regular meetings and that only the Maryville and Harriman Klaverns were holding regular meetings.

On July 20, 1964, Source stated that the only active chapters of this organization in Tennessee are at Maryville, Tennessee, Harriman, Tennessee, and that recently a chapter has been formed at Knoxville, Tennessee. These chapters hold regular meetings.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Knoxville, Tennessee  
May 3, 1965

THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

Reference is made to memorandum dated May 3, 1965, at Knoxville, captioned as above.

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Sources concealed herein in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past except [REDACTED]. Contact with these persons has not been maintained for a sufficient length of time to permit an accurate evaluation to be made of information furnished by them.

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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Gandy
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Tavel
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-400)  
 RE: ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 AT WILSON, N.C.  
 5/16-23/65  
 RM

Re Charlotte tel to the Bureau and Atlanta  
 dated 5/3/65.

Established sources at Atlanta, Ga., have not received information of a trip by KING to Wilson, N.C. Sources have advised that KING will be in Louisville, Kentucky on 5/16/65 and New York City for a convention of the American Jewish Committee on 5/20/65. There is no information available to date regarding KING's whereabouts for the other days of that week.

Atlanta will follow KING's activities and advise Charlotte of any intended visit to that Division.

3- Bureau (RM)  
 2- Charlotte (157-731) (RM)  
 1- Atlanta (157-400)  
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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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[REDACTED]  
St. Charles, Missouri

Dear [REDACTED]

May 12, 1965

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I have received the copy of your letter of May 5th to Honorable Edwin Willis and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your very kind remarks. I am glad that you found my speech, "Time for Decision," to be of interest.

While I would like to be of assistance concerning the question you asked, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

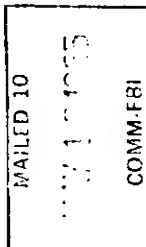
I am enclosing some information which I hope you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

*EHM*



Enclosures (5)

Remarks by Senator Dodd regarding Civil Rights Matters 2-26-65  
FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

FBI: Protector of Civil Liberties

FBI and Civil Rights

FBI...Guardian of Civil Rights

NOTE: Bufiles reflect the following information concerning the correspondent. Previous outgoing 12/1/64. She sent copy of letter she wrote to local radio station supporting Director after hearing critical editorial. She was not identifiable and was sent Time for Decision. Correspondent refers to that society which is assumed to be the John Birch Society with which the Bureau is familiar.

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To: [REDACTED]  
Belmont [REDACTED]  
Mohr [REDACTED]  
DeLoach [REDACTED]  
Casper [REDACTED]  
Callahan [REDACTED]  
Conrad [REDACTED]  
Felt [REDACTED]  
Gale [REDACTED]  
Rosen [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
St. Charles, Missouri  
May 5, 1965

Honorable Edwin Willis, Chairman  
House Committee on Un-American Activities  
House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Willis:

Martin Luther King is surrounded by communists and financed by communists. He refuses to disassociate himself from them on their financial backing. J. Edgar Hoover was far too modest in his appraisal of this demagogue.

An investigation of King and cohorts would not be political suicide, Gentlemen; it would be upholding the ten commandments.

Very truly yours,

b7(c)  
[REDACTED]

cc: Hon. W. Hungate  
Mr. J.E. Hoover

Mr. Hoover - Can you give me suggestions on how best I can help combat this monster? I am a member of THAT Society and do much letter writing and informing, etc. By the way, your "Time for Decision" given in Chicago was exactly what we expect from a great man that you are, Sir.

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ACK - J.W. 8

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Date: 4-26-65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, BIRMINGHAM (47-2821)  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 SECURITY MATTER - C  
 THREATS AGAINST KING

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ReBUAirtel 4-13-65 and BHairtel 4-19-65.

Enclosed is a memorandum of explanation submitted to me by SA [redacted] concerning his delay in preparing a letterhead memorandum for dissemination in the above captioned matter.

b7(c) SA [redacted] failure to act more promptly in this matter resulted from his determination that the complainant who furnished the original information was completely unreliable and had obviously furnished false information. The Agent handled this matter more or less as a routine impersonation matter rather than treating it as a legitimate threat against the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

b7(c) I have discussed this matter at some length with SA [redacted] and strongly reprimanded him for his delay in disseminating the information. He now fully understands that any information pertaining to a threat against the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING is to be immediately disseminated regardless of the source of the information. He is a relatively new Agent in the service, who appears to have learned a valuable lesson from this incident.

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cc: [Signature] 808RB  
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Approved: *[Signature]* 4/14/65

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per *[Signature]* SEC. THREE

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It should be noted that the information furnished by the complainant was immediately disseminated to local authorities in Birmingham.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Although SA [redacted] was derelict in not disseminating the information more promptly, I am confident he will handle such matters expeditiously in the future. He has been orally reprimanded and made fully aware of the Bureau's responsibilities in matters of this kind. No further administrative action is recommended.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Birmingham (47-2821)

DATE: 4/26/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7(c)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
THREATS AGAINST KING

Instructions to advise the Bureau of the above matter were given to this Agent on the afternoon of March 19, 1965.

This Agent commenced working on the [REDACTED] investigation, March 21, 1965; and on March 23, 1965, was assigned to a bank robbery. On March 26, 1965, he was assigned to the arrest of [REDACTED] subject of a Civil Rights case, and subsequently appeared before Federal Grand Jury, April 5-6, 1965. This matter was dictated on April 7, 1965.

b7(c) The complainant in this matter turned out to be completely unreliable, and the information he furnished was obviously without any basis in fact. Had there been any reason to put any credence at all in complainant's information, the above matter would have been considered as a security matter, and Atlanta and the Bureau would have been immediately advised on March 11, 1965. The letterhead memorandum was only furnished to confirm the telephonic contact of the local Bureau of Narcotics with their Washington, D.C., Office in this matter.

Since local authorities had been advised of the above, and in view of the complainant's complete unreliability, it was not felt that any further action was required.

In the future, any information received regarding a threat to MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., will be immediately disseminated to the Bureau and Atlanta, regardless of the source of the information.

I sincerely regret the delay in this instance, and assure you there will be no recurrence.

b7(c) [REDACTED]

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# Memorandum

TO Kr. Sullivan

FROM F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST  
THREAT AGAINST KING

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Rosack  
1 - Mr. H. L. Edwards

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b7(c) By airtel April 26, 1965, Special Agent in Charge Ingram of the Birmingham Office submitted explanations of Special Agent [REDACTED] concerning his delay in preparing a letterhead memorandum for submission to the Bureau and recommended no additional administrative action as [REDACTED] had been orally reprimanded and made fully aware of the Bureau's responsibilities in matters of this type. *Refile*

b7(c) Special Agent [REDACTED] in his explanation, a copy of which is attached, stated that the complainant who originally submitted the information, indicating that five individuals were planning to kill Martin Luther King, Jr., at Birmingham with a reward of \$15,000 being offered to the assassin, was completely unreliable and there was no reason to put any credence to information furnished. The information furnished was obviously without any basis in fact and, therefore, was not given expeditious handling. The information was submitted to the Bureau primarily to confirm telephonic contact of the Birmingham Bureau of Narcotics with their Headquarters at Washington, D.C. since the complainant alleged that he was "employed" by the Federal Narcotics Bureau in Washington, D.C.

b7(c) Special Agent [REDACTED] who received the information on March 11, 1965, did furnish information regarding the alleged threat to the United States Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and local law enforcement agencies on the same date the information was received. This action was all that was necessary with the exception of keeping the Bureau advised.

b7(c) A good portion of the delay during the period March 11, through April 8, 1965, was caused by Special Agent [REDACTED]'s assignment to expedite matters including the [REDACTED] a bank robbery and violations of the Civil Rights Act. *100-106670-133*

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b7(c) OBSERVATIONS: It appears that Special Agent [REDACTED] evaluation of the information received was correct. The necessary immediate action was also taken properly by Special Agent [REDACTED] which, of course, included notifying [REDACTED]

Enclosure

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1 - Special Agent [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
100-106670

appropriate local authorities. The letterhead memorandum concerning this matter when received at the Bureau was disseminated to the Department and interested intelligence agencies which letterhead contained all action taken regarding the threat.

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It is believed that no additional administrative action is warranted or necessary in this matter particularly since Special Agent [REDACTED] has been reprimanded by his Special Agent in Charge and is now fully aware of the Bureau's responsibilities in matters of this type. It is also believed that Special Agent [REDACTED] who is a relatively new Agent in the service appears to have learned a valuable lesson from this incident.

RECOMMENDATION:

That no further administrative action be taken regarding the delay in furnishing pertinent information to the Bureau relating to a threat against the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

*BB* *NEPS* *GR* *PSB*

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 75-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SAC, Philadelphia (100-46230)

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Director, FBI (100-106670)

1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
(Field Supervision)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

b7(c)

Reurairtel and letterhead memorandum dated 5/4/65 which reported the details of a telephone call received by a Bureau Agent in your office the evening of 5/1/65. It is reported that "The caller stated 'I'm going to kill Martin Luther King, Monday.' This caller, who sounded as if he were white, male, age 20 to 25 years, seemingly reasonably well educated, abruptly hung up."

If all that was stated by the caller is that indicated in the single quotation above, it is difficult for the Bureau to understand how all of the descriptive data could be attached to the caller.

Under such circumstances it appears that too great a liberty is taken in the area of conclusion. On the other hand, if additional conversation was had with the caller, what he said should be reported so that the Bureau would be fully informed and so that there would at least be some basis for the description.

By return airtel advise the Bureau whether or not the caller made any statements other than that attributed to him. Resubairt letterhead memorandum in line with the foregoing observations.

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RE: BEANARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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1 - Mr. Freund

To: SAC, Knoxville (157-253)

From: Director, FBI (157-5)

## THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING RACIAL MATTERS

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ReXXairtel dated 5/3/65 which set forth on page two  
that "No action is requested of the Atlanta Office."

The attention of the Knoxville Office is directed to Bulet to all offices with copies to Knoxville dated 4/19/65 captioned "Martin Luther King, Jr., SM-C." This Bulet instructed that all information regarding threats to King should be furnished to the Atlanta Office, in order for Atlanta to inform local law authorities.

Atlanta follow instructions set forth in Bulet dated 4/19/65 concerning the handling of information regarding threats to King.

**1 - Atlanta**

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SAC, Los Angeles (100-57223)

5/12/65

Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SM-C

b7(c)

Re Atlanta airtel and LHM 5/7/65, copies to Los Angeles, which reported on a contact made 5/6/65 between subject King and his secretary, Dora McDonald, concerning one Bill Hostin (phonetic) of Los Angeles, California. Hostin is apparently involved in some fund-raising activities on behalf of King.

Los Angeles is requested to identify Hostin and furnish any available information from your files concerning this individual, particularly subversive information. Furnish sufficient descriptive data to enable Bureau to check its files.

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

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TO : Director, FBI (100-106670) DATE 12-15-84 BY SP4 JAM/ML

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-46230)(RUC) 6076

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
SM - C (MAY 1968)Re Atlanta airtel dated 4/29/65, Atlanta radio-  
grams dated 4/29/65, 4/30/65, and 5/1/65, and Atlanta  
radiogram dated 4/30/65, captioned "CIRM," concerning  
KING's travel to Philadelphia.Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight  
copies, and for other offices copies as indicated, of a  
letterhead memo suitable for dissemination.

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 1 - 157-653 (BERNARD LEE)  
 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. - 1)  
 (INFO) (R.M.)  
 2 - New Orleans (Encl. - 2) (R.M.)  
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AGENCY: ACTL, CNI, OPI, TEC, SFRB

ROUTING: TEC, CED, [REDACTED]

DATE FORM: 5/10/65

HOW FORW: RLS

BY: SEP: c.a.

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O-17 to Philadelphia  
Copy to [REDACTED]  
Date 5/10/65  
By S.F.P.C.J.Remarks: Rebutability of  
Concealed Segments  
Not accounted for. FD-363  
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Extremely discreet spot checks at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel and the University Museum failed to reflect any individual resembling STANLEY LEVISON or CLARENCE JONES.

[REDACTED] b7(D)

advised that KING changed his plans and departed Philadelphia with BERNARD LEE, his aide, on Pennsylvania railroad train, leaving at 5:09 p.m. for New York City. KING indicated he would stay at the Americana Hotel and return to Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m., 5/2/65.

SAS of the FBI maintained an extremely discreet spot check at the Franklin Motor Inn in an effort to identify KING or any of his associates entering the motel. At approximately 7:20 p.m., SAS observed a 1961 or 1962 black Cadillac limousine, bearing Louisiana license 170B 052, pull up to the rear of the Franklin Motor Inn and the three male Negro occupants enter the motel through a side entrance. Although it was subsequently determined that KING eventually showed up on New York, it is not known whether or not this limousine has any connection with KING.

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For the information of Atlanta and the Bureau,

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[REDACTED] advised that the FBI was not mentioned during the course of KING's speech. [REDACTED] advised that Senators SCOTT and CLARK, of Pennsylvania, were in attendance at the meeting and were "fawning" over KING, who gave the impression during his speech of trying to justify disobedience to the law. D-1

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[REDACTED] advised that KING left Philadelphia for Atlanta at approximately 1:00 a.m., 5/4/65, by plane.

NEW ORLEANS:

At New Orleans, La.

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Will check Louisiana license [REDACTED], and advise Atlanta and the Bureau of identity of owner.



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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[REDACTED] advised that MARTIN LUTHER KING, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), participated on May 1, 1965, in a panel discussion which was part of a seminar under the general title "The Rule of Law in A Changing Society." The seminar commemorated Law Day U.S.A. According to [REDACTED] KING's speech was moderate and more or less conciliatory. b7(D)

The Philadelphia Inquirer on May 2, 1965, in reporting on the Law Day U.S.A. Seminar, quoted KING as saying "Justice at times proceeds with a halting gait and the law has often been slow to speak for the poor, the dispossessed and the disfranchised." KING told the group that "only a few years ago labor unions were conspiracies and Negroes were chattels in the eyes of the law." KING paid tribute to the legal profession for "its many contributions to the civil rights movement."

The Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin, in its edition May 2, 1965, contained an article on page 1, captioned "KING Chides Extremists at Law Day Rally." The article reflected that DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, a featured speaker at a Law Day U.S.A. observance, warned that if white extremists have their way, the South will be reduced to anarchy. KING said that many Southerners claim his civil rights movement is as lawless as the deeds of segregationists. Denying the charge, he said that the really lawless are those who bomb churches, kill and beat demonstrators, then hide from authorities.

The end result of such tactics, which KING attributed to the Ku Klux Klan and white extremists, would

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be anarchy because, he said, the guilty refuse to accept the legal penalty.

In contrast, KING asserted, his supporters demonstrate openly and willingly accept the penalties.

"We defy openly and willingly go to jail," the clergyman said. "Our aim is to persuade."

KING defended his plan for a boycott of goods produced in Alabama, comparing it to the action of the colonists against the British tea taxes and the boycott of British goods during THOMAS JEFFERSON's Administration in protest against the impressment of U. S. seamen.

KING called for more active involvement by Americans, warning that a "dangerous silence" now prevails over too large a section of the population.

"I have no despair about the future," he said. I am convinced that we Negroes will win our freedom all over America. Our destiny is tied up with the destiny of America."

The Evening Bulletin, in its edition of May 3, 1965, contained an article on page 14, captioned "KING Criticizes U. S. Churches for Failure To Provide Leadership in Civil Rights." The article reflected that Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on May 2, 1965, criticized the churches, including Negro churches, for failing to provide the leadership in such social causes as the civil rights movement.

DR. KING said the church is "the most segregated institution in America," and that 11 o'clock on Sunday morning is "the most segregated hour in America."

KING said too many ministers "hide behind their stained-glass windows" and he accused some churches of being too often the "tail lights instead of the headlights"

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in the drive for social betterment.

DR. KING spoke in dedication ceremonies for the new \$1-million Bright Hope Baptist Church, 12th Street and Columbia Avenue. Nearly 3,500 attended.

There were some 1,800 persons in the church proper and another 1,700 in a lower auditorium and the gymnasium watching the proceedings on closed-circuit television.

KING said he thinks of himself as a Baptist minister first and in the tradition of Southern Baptist ministers gave a rousing sermon that left his audience standing and cheering.

DR. KING, who, with his father, is co-pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., said he considers his civil rights work as only an extension of his ministry.

"Any religion that talks of the soul and not of the conditions that can corrupt and damn the soul is dried, dead, do-nothing religion," KING said.

DR. KING said that too often in recent history the church has "left men disappointed."

KING noted that the apartheid policy of racial separation in South Africa has the support of the Dutch Reformed Church.

But, KING said, many churches in the United States are equally guilty because they often ignore such problems as civil rights.

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"We suffer in this country," KING said, "not only from the violence of the bad people, but from the silence and indifference of the good people."

But, KING said, there are signs that the churches are waking up. He noted the large number of priests and nuns and ministers who joined the march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

DR. KING said many Negro churches suffer from either "freeze up" or "burn up."

Those that freeze up, KING said, are the ones that have become too dignified, who boast of the important people in their congregations and who are ashamed to sing the old songs of the Negro heritage.

The ones that burn up, KING said, are those "with more religion in their hands and feet than in their hearts" and where sermons are judged "by their volume and not their content."

On May 3, 1965, Source-2 advised that DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING attended a luncheon sponsored by the Locust Club, a private social organization composed of private businessmen, at which time he addressed approximately 70 attendees and received from \$7,000 to \$8,000 in contributions for his efforts in the South.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, in its edition of May 4, 1965, in an article on page 3, captioned "Racial Frustration Breeds Violence, KING Warns Here," reflected that DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING addressed 600 civil rights and civic leaders attending the Golden Slipper Square Club banquet at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel on the evening of May 3, 1965. The article reflected that DR. KING received the club's 1965 "Humanitarian Award" and a check for \$1,000 to support the program of the SCLC, which he heads.

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The article reflected that DR. KING warned that Negroes will listen to those advocating violence if non-violent demands for civil rights are not met.

KING said lack of retaliation by Negroes in the South for church bombings and brutality is proof that the theory of nonviolence is deepseated and catching on.

DR. KING said his warning of violent reprisal pertained to Negroes hit hardest by segregation.

"They feel they have nothing to lose," KING said.

Expressing appreciation on behalf of the "thousands and millions of people who have engaged in this struggle," the Nobel Peace Prize winner said:

"If democracy is to live, segregation must die. It's a new form of slavery. We must get rid of segregation, not only to get rid of the Communist challenge, but to improve our image abroad."

DR. KING said the Negro has come a long way in his stride toward freedom.

"But I must balance this by saying that we have a long, long way to go," KING said.

"Just 25 years ago a year hardly passed when Negroes in the South weren't lynched by brutal mobs. This has just about ceased today, but there are other things just as bad."

DR. KING cited church bombings, burnings, the death of civil rights workers, restrictive voting laws and economic reprisals.

KING said that more than 200 Negroes in Alabama were fired from their jobs last month because they wanted to register to vote.

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KING blamed the administration of Governor WALLACE for this and other "atrocities."

The Philadelphia Daily News, in its edition of May 4, 1965, contained an article concerning KING's speech at the Golden Slipper Square Club, and indicated that KING received a \$1,000 check and a miniature Torah, which contains the Hebrew text of the five books of Moses. The article stated that the \$1,000, plus \$7,000 which had been given to DR. KING earlier by 60 Jewish communal leaders at a Locust Club luncheon, will be used, he said, to aid the fight for Negro voting registration in Alabama and Mississippi.

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May 6, 1965

Title MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character SM - C

Reference Letterhead Memorandum dated and  
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information in the past.

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[REDACTED]  
Centralia, Washington

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 3rd was received during Mr. Hoover's absence; however, you may be sure it will be brought to his attention upon his return.

I know he would want me to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only; therefore, he cannot comment as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Since correspondent indicates she admires Martin Luther King, it is felt an in-absence reply is appropriate.

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May 3rd 1965.

J. Edgar Hoover.  
Head of the F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir.

May I have data on Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Some say he is a communist others say not. I, myself, have admired him for what he is trying to do. Am I right or wrong. We had quiet a discussion in our Sunday School Class about conditions in the South. Some sided with Mr. King others did not. Will you please set me straight on this.

Sincerely.

/s/

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Very sincerely,

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DATE 12-5-80 BY SP4Wm1

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-46230) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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(OO: ATLANTA)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Philadelphia teletype to Bureau dated 5/1/65.

Forwarded herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum setting forth details of telephone call received Philadelphia Office 5/1/65, threatening KING's life. Two copies of this letterhead memorandum forwarded for Atlanta as office of origin and one copy for information of New York.

Telephone call in question received by SA [REDACTED]

Rec'd from [REDACTED] 6/1/65  
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1 - New York (100-136585) (Enc.-1) (RM)  
2 - Philadelphia (100-46230)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

An anonymous telephone call was received at the Philadelphia Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by a Special Agent of the FBI at 9:43 p.m., May 1, 1965.

The caller stated "I'm going to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, Monday." This caller, who sounded as if he were white, male, age 20 to 25 years, seemingly reasonably well educated, abruptly hung up.

No background noises on telephone line.

b7(c) [REDACTED] Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia, Pa., was advised.

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*W.M. [Signature]*

1965-10-10-11

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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Date: 5/5/65

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Via AIRTEL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)  
SUBJECT: SCHEDULED VISIT BY REVEREND  
MARTIN LUTHER KING TO JOLIET,  
ILLINOIS, 5/8 - 9/65  
RM

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Remyairtel with enclosed letterhead memoranda  
dated 3/25/65.

Enclosed for Bureau are 8 copies and for Atlanta  
2 copies of letterhead memorandum (LHM) pertaining to above.

Chicago will remain in contact with appropriate  
authorities, Joliet, Illinois, to determine new date of  
KING's scheduled appearance in that city.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)  
2 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (100-5586)  
2 - Chicago  
1 - 157-413

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Approved: *MM*  
Special Agent in Charge



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Chicago, Illinois  
May 5, 1965

SCHEDULED VISIT BY REVEREND MARTIN  
LUTHER KING TO JOLIET, ILLINOIS  
MAY 8 - 9, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum dated March 25, 1965, at Chicago, Illinois, captioned as above.

On May 5, 1965, [REDACTED] advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) at Chicago, Illinois, that the scheduled visit by Reverend Martin Luther King originally planned for May 8 - 9, 1965, has been moved from the month of May to the month of June. Confirmed date of the scheduled visit in June is not known at this time.

[REDACTED] advised that he received this information from [REDACTED] Citizens Action for Racial Brotherhood, Joliet, Illinois, who were sponsoring Mr. King's appearance.

[REDACTED] advised the following individuals have been advised of the above information:

[REDACTED]  
Joliet, Illinois Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Joliet, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
Illinois State Police  
Joliet, Illinois

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Commission on Human Relations  
Joliet, Illinois

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On May 5, 1965, the above information was furnished to the following:

[REDACTED]  
United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

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[REDACTED]  
Chicago Police Department

[REDACTED]  
Region I 113th INTC Group  
Chicago, Illinois

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By. J. C. T. [initials]

Room 828 RB

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (157-1498) (P)

SUBJECT: CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY, SUMMER OF 1965,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR., AND SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE;

RM

OO: Philadelphia

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, dated 4/13/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of  
a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned  
as above.

Information copies of the enclosed letterhead  
memorandum have been forwarded to ONI, OSI, INTC, and  
Secret Service (2), Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Bureau will be kept advised.

2 - Bureau (ENCLS. 8) ENCLOSURE

1 - 157- (CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY, SUMMER OF 1965,  
PHILA., PA., BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING)

1 - 100- (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING)

4 - Philadelphia

157-1498

157-1214 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREA)

100-46230 (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING)

JRW

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Approved

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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May 2, 1968

CELESTE RICHARDSON, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL

RIGHTS, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, BY AIR

MAIL, 1401 L STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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... and scenarios questions was asked of the BUREAU by RUTH LOUHN KELLY during an interview with Dr. KING in Philadelphia, Pa., over the weekend of May 12, 1968. She plans to interview Dr. KING again on May 15, 1968, to determine his activities in the month of April. She can furnish no information, whatsoever, concerning any plans or programs for the civil rights movement in Philadelphia, Pa.

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AMERICAN CABLEGRAM  RADIO  TELETYPE

7:01 PM EST URGENT 5-1-65 ARK  
TO DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK  
NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON-ENCODED  
FROM ATLANTA (100-5586) 012146

CIRM.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; SM-C.

*B. W. Johnson*  
b7(c) [REDACTED]

RE NEW YORK TEL APRIL 30 LAST.

ATLANTA SOURCES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO VERIFY CLARENCE JONES  
DEPARTURE FROM ATLANTA; HOWEVER, ONE SOURCE STATED THAT HARRY  
BELAFONTE AND PARTY CHECKED OUT OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE MOTEL THIS  
AM. IT IS NOTED THAT JONES AND BELAFONTE ARRIVED IN ATLANTA  
TOGETHER WITH AN UNKNOWN FEMALE NEGRO.

ATLANTA MAINTAINED ONLY SPOT PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE IN  
THIS MATTER FOR SECURITY.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH BECOMES AVAILABLE AS TO  
JONES WHEREABOUTS WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY.

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STATED BY [REDACTED]

Your letter of May 1st has been received.

In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

In view of your interest in the general field of communism, I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your school or local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It  
Young People Can Help Defeat Communism  
Communism--The Incredible Swindle  
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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MAIL ROOM  TELETYPE UNIT

[REDACTED] b7(c)  
Los Angeles, Calif., 90024

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In writing a term paper on Martin Luther King, Jr., I have come across a signed affidavit by former FBI agent Karl Prussion which said, in effect, that King has been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over 60 communist fronts. Is there any truth in Prussion's statement of September 28, 1963, and, if so, do you recognize it as being definite proof that King is a member of the communist party.

Also, could you be so kind as to send me any FBI reports you have on communist subversion.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED] b7(c)



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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to  
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May 6, 1965

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AC-106670 - 1313

New York, New York 10027

Dear

Your letter of April 29th has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of assistance in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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**Enclosures (4)**

1 - New York - Enclosure

1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure  
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

SEE NOTE AND ENCLOSURES NEXT PAGE.  
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Enclosures:

U. S. News and World Report 12-7-64  
U. S. News and World Report 12-21-64  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
"Our Heritage of Greatness"

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NOTE: There is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning [REDACTED] and we have had no previous correspondence with him. The Director's statement that Dr. King was a "notorious Liar" was made at the Women's Press Conference held on 11-18-64.



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April 21

Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. [redacted]  
Mr. Cooper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I participated in the final day (March 25, 1965) of the Selma-Montgomery march in Alabama. Both before and since the march, I have been carrying on some considerable correspondence with leading clergymen in Selma, Montgomery, and Birmingham.

In a letter dated April 24th, a leading minister in Birmingham, Alabama, challenges me to "get the facts" on the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, and he refers specifically to "whatever" may be in the F.B.I. files on Doctor King which would give rise to your charge that he is a "notorious liar", and to the "facts" underlying the frequent charge of Southern white people that Martin Luther King is a "Communist".

I fully recognize the confidential nature of F.B.I. files. On the other hand, we cannot allow a man's character to be defamed by false charges.

Therefore I will very greatly appreciate any statement, or statements, which you can give me concerning Doctor King, particularly on the two points mentioned above.

Thanking you in advance, I am

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Sincerely yours,

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The source noted that TOM KAHN was listening in on the conference on RUSTIN's extension, but did not take part. ~~A~~ (u)

It is noted that when RUSTIN was suggesting that an adult recruiter be sent to New York to oversee the recruiting for the SCOPE project, KING said they should send someone like a C. T. VIVIAN. RUSTIN noted that either ANDY YOUNG or VIVIAN would be great and that TOM KAHN and others "up here" could give this person an insight into how to proceed. ~~A~~ (u)

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] a highly sensitive source furnishing information about racial matters in the United States and Communist attempts to influence these matters and it is felt this classification is necessary to protect the source.

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 2, 1965, that on that date, a conference was held which involved Bayard Rustin, Harry Wachtel and Martin Luther King. The source furnished the following information concerning this conference: X (u)

A discussion took place as to whether King should participate in two affairs scheduled for June, in New York City; one on June 3, 1965, at Madison Square Garden, where 64 Jewish organizations will hold an affair protesting anti-semitism in the Soviet Union, and one on June 8, 1965, at Madison Square Garden, sponsored by the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (SANE). X (u)

King was concerned about over exposure in a single community, stating that he would be in Long Island, New York, on June 12, 1965. Rustin said that was different and that King would not have to say much, but would just have to appear. King noted that he would be speaking at the Negro American Labor Council (NALC) Rally on May 28, 1965, and that these other things might be too much. X (u)

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Rustin commented that King has a responsibility to say something about war and peace, which is what the SANE rally is about. He added that Vice President Humphrey would be at the June 3rd affair, which would give King an opportunity to say what he has never said before and that is that he is opposed to injustice, wherever it appears. This, Rustin said, would defend King from attacks claiming King is a Communist. X (u)

Henry Wachtel counseled that he would not go that far but that it does connect King with more people in an image-making way. X (u)

King was concerned as to how they could fill Madison Square Garden twice and Rustin noted that the Jewish groups affair on June 3rd already had been sold out and that this is the most important thing. Rustin stated that most of labor's support is Jewish, which would put King in favor with these supporters. Wachtel felt that King should not make any statement concerning the SANE rally until after the voting bill (to enable Negroes to register to vote) had cleared the first hurdles. X (u)

However, Wachtel is interested in having King speak at the SANE rally if King accepts the invitation to appear at the anti-semitism affair. X (u)

They all agreed to a further discussion of whether King should appear at the June 3rd and 8th affairs, within the next 48 hours. X (u)

Rustin changed the discussion, stating that it is important to get a talented paid Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) worker to come to New York to oversee the recruitment and training of college students for the Summer Community Organization and Political Education (SCOPE) project in the South, which is under the direction of Hosea (Williams, Director of Voter Registration for the SCLC). Rustin said he is prepared to give full time to the training of these recruits through the A. Philip Randolph Institute, which is being set up, but only if Hosea asks for his help. X (u)

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Rustin said that they should have a responsible adult come to New York to handle the recruiting and not a bunch of kids. He added that many volunteers could be enlisted to work under this person. He said they should not tell Hosea he is not doing a good job but should get it across to him that the East and New York are too important for kids. X (u)

Wachtel asked how the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) "thing" was. (The meeting between King and James Forman, Executive Secretary of SNCC, held on April 30, 1965, to settle differences between their organizations). King said it went well except for the Communists' issue because they (SNCC) say openly that they do not mind Communists working with them. King added that there were things he wanted to say renouncing Communism in theory but they would not go along with it. "He" wanted to say that it was an open philosophy contrary to "us", but they would not go along with it. X (u)

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Communist Influence In Racial Matters

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.



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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.



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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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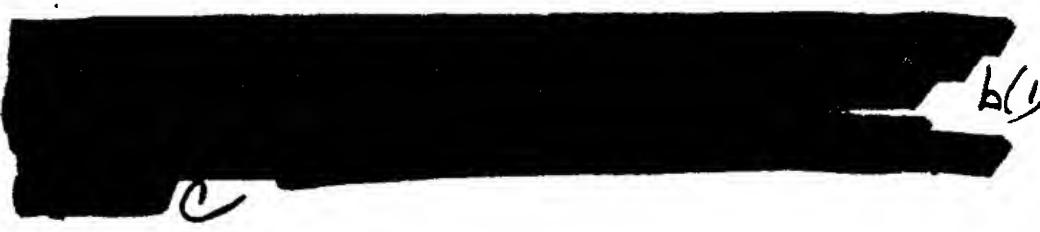
## Communist Influence In Racial Matters

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

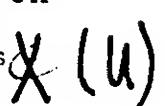
The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 11th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.



Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates.



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and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X-14

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"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'  
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \* \* \* National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'  
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 16-23, 1965

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FBI

ReCEtel to Bureau and Atlanta, 5-3-65

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM in captioned matter. 2 copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

This LHM is being disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies and Secret Service.

Information from [REDACTED] was furnished to SA [REDACTED]

Interview of [REDACTED] was conducted by SA [REDACTED] who also notified Chief of Police [REDACTED] and Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Wilson, N. C. [REDACTED] of 111th ICG was notified by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informants in the Charlotte Division are being contacted and alerted for any information they may be able to obtain regarding this matter.

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that he would attempt to recontact his source who furnished this information in order that arrangements can be made whereby this source could be interviewed by an Agent of the FBI. Contact will be maintained with [REDACTED] and also with local law enforcement officers in Wilson, N. C. b7C b7D

[REDACTED], who furnished this information to SAs [REDACTED]

ATLANTA is requested to attempt to determine if Dr. KING is scheduled to be in Wilson, N. C., during the pertinent period and to handle this alleged threat to the life of Dr. KING in accordance with Bureau instructions.

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Special Agent in Charge



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Charlotte, North Carolina

May 4 1965

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RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] obtained the following information from a source he considered to be reliable.

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This source advised [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he had just returned from a Ku Klux Klan meeting consisting of approximately six hundred members in Johnston County, North Carolina near the Nash County line. He stated that during the week of May 16-23, 1965, Evangelist ORAL ROBERTS is scheduled to appear in Wilson, North Carolina. During this same period a Negro Singing is to be held in the baseball park at Wilson. Thousands of Negroes are expected to be in attendance and these two events are expected to be covered by radio and television. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING is scheduled to be in attendance at the singing and reportedly has already reserved rooms at the Holiday Inn Motel in Wilson and the Holiday Inn Motel in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. This source stated that a bounty has been placed on the life of Dr. KING, and \$100,000.00 is to be paid to his killer. This alleged killer is reported to be from Green Pond, a community in Nash County, North Carolina. This

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man reportedly has been picked and screened to do this job and the funds to pay for killing Dr. KING are from the Ku Klux Klan organization country wide. Several white priests and people from other states are expected to accompany Dr. KING on this reported visit to Wilson.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has confirmed that the park has been leased for a Negro Singing Convention sometime during the week of May 16-23, 1965, exact date not certain.

[REDACTED] was interviewed, and he verified the above information as furnished to him. He stated that the source of his information, whom he would not care to divulge at this time, appeared to be intoxicated at the time he gave this information to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chief of Police, Wilson, North Carolina, and Chief Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] Wilson County Sheriff's Office, Wilson, North Carolina, were both advised of the above information. Both stated that to their knowledge MARTIN LUTHER KING had made no plans to visit their city.

[REDACTED] Special Agent in Charge, 111th Intelligence Corps Group, Charlotte, North Carolina, was advised of the above information on May 3, 1965.

A confidential source advised on April 7, 1965, that information was received that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will make an appearance some place in North Carolina during the month of May 1965. This information was not specific as to when or where KING would appear, but the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (UKA), will be on hand at the time of KING's arrival if this date and time can be established. The Klan, if

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It does appear at the time of KING's reported arrival, will not harm KING but will gather in large numbers in a get-together of their own at the place designated for KING's appearance.

A characterization of the UKA appears in the appendix to this memorandum.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NORTH CAROLINA)  
(UNITED KLANS)

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On August 17, 1964, a source advised that the North Carolina organization of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, became affiliated with the national organization of the same group in the Spring of 1961. The State Headquarters are at the residence of North Carolina Grand Dragon JAMES ROBERTSON JONES, Granite Quarry, North Carolina, who is subordinate to the national organization with headquarters at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The organization in North Carolina has the same aims and objectives as the parent group; that is, advocacy of segregation of the races and white supremacy.

UNITED KLAN OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLAN)

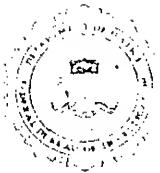
Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

The first source and second source advised in July 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, the second source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klavocation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

Second source advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the Klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.



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Charlotte, North Carolina

May 4, 1965

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Character: RACIAL MATTERS

Reference: Memorandum dated May 4, 1965, at  
Charlotte, entitled as above.

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V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/3/65

Local authorities have been advised. Civil Rights Division of Department being advised, and matter being followed closely.

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FROM: CHARLOTTE (157-731) 3P

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ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, WILSON, NC.

MAY SIXTEEN DASH TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE. BY RACHEL MATTHEW

SIXTYFIVE

RALEIGH, NC, ADVISED

WILSON, NC, OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM SOURCE HE  
CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

b7(D) ADVISED [REDACTED] ON NIGHT [REDACTED]  
HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM KKK MEETING CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED MEMBERS IN JOHNSTON CO., NC. HE STATED DURING WEEK OF MAY SIXTEEN DASH TWENTYTHREE, EVANGELIST ORAL ROBERTS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR IN WILSON, NC. DURING SAME PERIOD A NEGRO SINGING IS TO OCCUR IN BASEBALL PARK AT WILSON. DR. MARTIN

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LUTHER KING SCHEDULED TO BE IN ATTENDENCE AND REPORTEDLY HAS ALREADY RESERVED ROOMS AT MOTELS IN WILSON AND ROCKY MOUNT, NC. THESE EVENTS EXPECTED TO BE COVERED BY RADIO AND TELEVISION. SOURCE STATED A BOUNTY HAS BEEN PLACED ON LIFE OF DR. KING AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IS TO BE PAID TO HIS KILLER. ALLEGED KILLER, NAME UNKNOWN, IS REPORTEDLY FROM GREEN POND, A COMMUNITY IN NASH CO., NC. FUNDS TO PAY FOR KILLING DR. KING ARE FROM THE KKK ORGANIZATION COUNTRY WIDE.

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[REDACTED] HAS CONFIRM-

ED THAT PARK HAS BEEN LEASED FOR A NEGRO SINGING CONVENTION DURING WEEK OF MAY SIXTEEN DASH TWENTYTHREE, EXACT DATE NOT CERTAIN.

ATLANTA, ATTEMPT DETERMINE IF DR. KING SCHEDULED TO BE IN WILSON DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND HANDLE THREAT PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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CHARLOTTE WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND CONTACT APPROPRIATE INFORMANTS.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WILSON, NC, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED. CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH [REDACTED] AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES. LHM FOLLOWS.

END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, DENVER (100-9082) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
OO: ATLANTA

DATE: 4/29/65

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Re Denver letter and letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 4/5/65, captioned [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS," and Bureau letter to Denver dated 4/19/65, captioned "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

b7(c) Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy of this LHM, which has been amended to contain results of contact with the supervisor [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, on 4/20/65, as well as carrying the caption "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR."

The Bureau and Atlanta should substitute the enclosed LHM for the LHM previously submitted on 4/5/65.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Denver, Colorado  
April 29, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On March 30, 1965, an Agent of the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contacted [REDACTED] at his place of employment, [REDACTED], Denver, Colorado, at [REDACTED] request.

At this time, [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] advised that he has corresponded numerous times with Senator "Bobby" Kennedy of New York and Martin Luther King concerning the well-being of King. [REDACTED] then furnished a copy of a letter dated March 26, 1965, which he wrote, and the original was apparently mailed to Senator Kennedy. This letter reads as follows:

"Dear Bobby,

"I believe that Dr. Martin Luther King and Vice President Humphrey are well guarded during these critical times but, I still fear for their lives because their violent death at the hands of southern racists would cause so much discredit to our beloved America.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] then stated that his main purpose in "talking to the FBI" is that he is desirous of expressing his fear and opinion to J. Edgar Hoover that Dr. Martin Luther King, due to his demanding attitude and his unawareness of communist infiltration and use of racial unrest and violence, is in danger of being assassinated by "racists, communists or Black Muslims." [REDACTED] stated that this is merely his opinion and he knows of no threat to the life of Martin Luther King.

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[redacted] then set forth the following points which he feels the FBI should be aware of and should make Martin Luther King aware of:

1. FBI should discover the plot of communists to entice racists to assassinate King.

2. FBI should discover the plot by communists or Black Muslims to kidnap King.

3. King must be convinced of the danger of communist threats.

4. King is like a little boy with a deadly toy.

In addition to the above information, [redacted] furnished the following descriptive data:

Address [redacted] Denver, b7  
Colorado

Previous Addresses [redacted] Texas, and [redacted]

Iowa

Birth [redacted]

Military Service [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the above points are his opinion and he knows of no concrete plots or threats by the above-named organizations to do bodily harm to Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] Denver, Colorado, advised that she is the supervisor of [redacted] and he currently works as a [redacted]. She stated that he has often expressed his "funny ideas" on racial equality, religion, and politics to other nurses at the hospital and as a result

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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some of the nurses refuse to talk to him. ██████████ indicated she had some doubt of ██████████ mental stability; however, she advised in all fairness to ██████████ she would not give an opinion as to his mental faculties and stated that only a psychiatrist would be able to do this.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-438794)  
FROM: S.C., LOUISVILLE (157-90) (C)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP  
CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
IS - C

On 5/3/65 Mrs. JASPER WARD, 2540 Ransdell Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, associated with the Reverend A. D. WILLIAMS KING, Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville and brother of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, advised that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING is scheduled to visit Louisville, Kentucky, about May 15, 1965, in connection with the installing of his brother, Reverend A. D. WILLIAMS KING, as Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church in Louisville. b7c

Mrs. WARD indicated Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING would possibly stay over night in Louisville, possibly at the Sheraton Hotel.

Copy is sent to New York for information.

In event Bureau or Atlanta desire Louisville take any action with respect to anticipated visit of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, please advise.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442529)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-153735) SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED  
SUBJECT: CIRM  
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There are enclosed for the Bureau six copies of a  
letterhead memorandum setting forth information obtained from  
[REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) OF  
DATE 4-30-65

On the afternoon of 4/29/65, SAS [REDACTED] b7(c)  
conducted surveillances at STANLEY  
LEVISON's office and residence, but JONES and LEVISON were not  
observed.

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Approved: John J. X Sent: \_\_\_\_\_ M Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
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On the morning of 4/30/65, SAS [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] observed CLARENCE JONES and HARRY BELAFONTE  
boarding a United Airlines Flight to Atlanta.

This letterhead memorandum is classified "Secret" b7(D)  
because it contains information from [REDACTED] b7(D)  
sources which have furnished highly sensitive information  
concerning racial activities in the United States and Communist  
influence therein. It is felt this classification is necessary  
to protect these valuable sources.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Murphy, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
April 30, 1965  
Bureau 100-442529

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Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
Internal Security - C

A confidential source advised on April 28, 1965, that on that date, Dora McDonald, Secretary to Martin Luther King, instructed that the following message be given to Clarence Jones:

Jones is to speak in Philadelphia on Saturday (May 1, 1965), before the Bar Association, and felt he could use the speech he gave before the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (on April 27, 1965) in its entirety. However, after examining the Philadelphia program, King has discovered that it is a little different and he cannot use the entire New York speech. He will send Jones the outline of the Philadelphia program so Jones can confer with "our friend" and come up with one or two additional points for King to make in his Philadelphia talk.

This source has, in the past, furnished information that "our friend" is Stanley Levison.

Another confidential source advised on April 29, 1965, that Clarence Jones told Levison he wanted to meet with him at about 5:00 PM that day. However, this was not convenient for Levison. Jones said he would be talking to Levison later that day and asked Levison to call him at a meeting which he, Jones, would be attending that afternoon. Jones stated he could meet Levison "uptown." X (u)

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This source also advised on April 29, 1965, that, according to Clarence Jones, Jones would be going to Atlanta on the morning of April 30, 1965, with Harry Belafonte. Jones said one purpose of the trip is to meet with a group of Atlanta businessmen who want to invest in his insurance company. Jones stated that Belafonte is going down at the request of Dr. King to handle a "matter" and also meet with the businessmen because Belafonte has \$100,000 in the company. Jones explained that this company is the Intra American Life Corporation, which he is forming.

Clarence Jones held a reservation on United Airlines Flight Number 349, leaving New York City, at 8:00 AM, on April 30, 1965.

On the morning of April 30, 1965, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Clarence Jones and Harry Belafonte boarding United Airlines Flight Number 349.

Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.



The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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~~R~~  
Re: Communist Influence In Racial Matters  
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The YCL has been designated pursuant to  
Executive Order 10450.



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### 1. *Index to First Reference*

New York, New York

April 30, 1965

Bureau 100-442529

## Communist Influence In Racial Matters

### Character Internal Security - C

Reference New York letterhead memorandum,  
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FROM D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DICKINSON (R - ALA.)  
REQUEST FOR DATA FROM FBI FILES b7C

By letter dated 4/16/65 Congressman William L. Dickinson, Republican from Alabama, elected to Congress in November, 1964, requested that the Director send him whatever information the FBI has in its files on Dr. Martin Luther King and particularly any information pertaining to Dr. King's affiliations with communists and communists-front groups. Also, he desires data on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Southern Conference Education Fund. Also he indicates he would be very much interested in seeing the reports of FBI Agents which concern the demonstrations and the march from Selma to Montgomery. He states that Alabama papers stated there were about 100 FBI Agents in Alabama in this connection. Also he refers to his recent speech on the Floor of the House of Representatives on the connection between recent civil rights demonstrations in Alabama and the Communist Party.

A copy of the remarks by Congressman Dickinson on the Floor of the House of Representatives on 3-30-65 is attached.

Briefly, Congressman Dickinson spoke concerning the march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and alleged that the press failed to report immoral activities engaged in by the marchers. He called attention to communist sympathizers associated with the march and identified them as Carl Braden, Abner Berry, James Peck, Bayard Rustin and Martin Luther King. He also referred to others who have a security-risk background. In this regard he stated that the U. S. Government knows all these facts; that the FBI has a file on "King Martin Luther," and on the others he mentioned and said "the Government helped promote the occurrences in Alabama." He alleged that Government officials participated in such activities and that the Justice Department assisted in their promotion, all with the knowledge and consent of the President. Also included is an affidavit of Karl Prussion, signed 9-28-63, which sets forth information regarding communist activities in connection with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (NAACP) Prussion is a former San Francisco informant who assisted the FBI in security matters.

Congressman Dickinson, aged 39 at the time of his election to Congress, is a former railway executive and former circuit judge in Montgomery, Alabama. Inc.

Enclosures - Date 4-21-65

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)

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CORRESPONDENCE

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM L. DICKINSON

line with the Director's policy of having new members of Congress contacted where advisable, Special Hobson H. Adcock of your (Mr. DeLoach) office visited Congressman Dickinson on 2-24-65. Dickinson was very cordial, was most appreciative of the contact, indicated he knew very little about FBI jurisdiction and asked a number of questions in connection with FBI responsibilities in civil rights. He indicated he would be most willing to cooperate with the Bureau in matters of mutual interest and that he was most grateful for the contact. [redacted]

OBSERVATIONS:

Martin Luther King, of course, has had his name linked with numerous communist-front groups and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, as well as the Southern Conference Education Fund. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is headed by Martin Luther King, Jr. It is currently under investigation to determine the extent of its communist infiltration, domination and control. The Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) is the successor organization to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, cited in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" as a communist front by the HCUA in 1947. The SCEF is the subject of a current Bureau security investigation.

It is believed in accordance with existing policy, that it would be advisable to inform the Congressman that the confidential nature of FBI files pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice precludes the Director's responding favorably to the request of Congressman Dickinson.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter advising the Congressman of the confidential nature of FBI files be approved and thereafter ~~personally~~ delivered by special messenger.

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555PM EST URGENT 4/23/65 RCS

TO DIRECTOR (100-438794) AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM BOSTON (100-35794) 1P

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM C.

KING DEPARTED BOSTON FIVE P.M. TODAY VIA TWA NON STOP  
FOR LOS ANGELES. BOSTON VISIT CONCLUDED WITHOUT  
INCIDENT. SUMMARY TELETYPE FOLLOWS TODAY AND LHM  
WILL BE SUBMITTED.

C.C. ATLANTA BY MAIL.

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MR. E. J. SOFFER  
READING ROOM  
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## Odessa, Texas

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Dear

Your communication of April 24th, with enclosures, has been received. It was indeed thoughtful of you to bring this material to my attention, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you.

In response to your request, I would like to reiterate that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire.

I am enclosing some information I hope you find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAY - 5 1965  
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## FBI and Civil Rights

## The FBI: The Protector of Civil Liberties

## The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights

Remarks of Senator Dodd, 2-25-65

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sent three newspaper articles from an unidentified newspaper in her letter of 3-31-65 which debates the question of voting being either a right or a privilege and one about the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America and statements quoted from the Director's message to all law enforcement officials. There was no derogatory information concerning this individual. She was given the files confidential reply previously. The enclosures which the correspondent sent with her most recent letter concern Martin Luther King and the civil rights movement and generally indicate that King is associated with the communists.

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## Straight Talk

By TOM ANDERSON

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Civil Rioters I have witnessed here and in Selma are strangely reminiscent of the scum I saw carrying Kennedy banners at the 1960

Democrat convention. Dirty, bearded beatniks, interspersed with a few bona fide but misguided min-

isters. But cer-

tainly not all

men of the cloth were ministers.

(Ministers don't become Communists but Communists do be-

come ministers). Ministers don't

get drunk and neither do num-

bers. But "ministers were taking

straight from the bottle here and

the sheriff in Selma told me that

four "nuns" were drunk on the

Selma Courthouse steps.

As anybody with walking-

around sense should know, o-

neading "newsmagazines,"

"newspapers" and networks

have distorted and lied about

what is going on here. This

Communist - promoted prelude

to civil war has virtually no

connection with right-to-vote. In

Selma for several months the

Sheriff's office has been urging

qualified negroes to register to

vote. When asked why more

negroes didn't register, the ne-

groes replied that they were

waiting for Dr. Martin Luther

King to lead them to the polls.

Any negro who can read and

write can register to vote.

Reliable sources here have

reported to me that an ambu-

lance carrying a woman to a

hospital was stopped and block-

ed by marchers. Police asked

them to disperse. They refused.

Mounted police moved in to dis-

perse them and were attacked

with switchblade knives. Eight

horses were cut badly. Mac

Butler, Sheriff of Montgomery

County, was hit on the back of

the neck by a brick and cut on

the leg. Demonstration

A priest from Hamilton, Ontario, went to the Sheriff and apologized for having come down here. It wasn't what he thought it was. But even if it was what he thought it was, what business was it of this foreigner's?

There was much sex activity in evidence, some involving blacks and whites under blankets on the streets, in church pews and in open fields.

Montgomery airport was loaded with chartered planes, such as one used by Americans For Democratic Action, for which they paid a round trip fare of \$5,800.

Alabama's great governor, George Wallace, received a letter from the north saying: "You've got our Episcopal priest down there. How about keeping him?"

C. C. Hunter, negro Methodist preacher in Selma, told me he has never heard a white person in Selma say that a negro shouldn't vote. Hunter, an original backer of Martin Luther King, has lost faith in King.

238 reporters have been in Selma. Strange how little truth got out. . . although local negroes were treated and intimidated in order to force them to march, the Sheriff's office in Selma reports that they could identify only seven local negroes in the march. "Nazi" Lincoln Rockwell was here. He seems to follow King everywhere. If King can't cause trouble, Rockwell can. . . the movie stars who fell on Alabama are the same immoral gang of perverts, prostitutes and comrads who have promoted countless other Communists projects.

President Johnson came on TV in a white fury because a woman who should have been a Detroit taking care of her three children was brutally murdered while violating the laws of the formerly sovereign state of Alabama. The President was strangely silent when a Mississippi police officer, trying to enforce the law in Mississippi, was murdered by a negro.

## Hired Marchers

*what about this?*

We have been led to believe created largely by the federal government for its giving a "green light" for what were in ins, marches and riots involving the "racial question" were Alabama unlawful actions. spontaneous. Nothing much has been said in any of the news media about how these things have been organized and promoted, but they certainly seem to be expected, but it have been, and in many cases seems there were droves of marchers, sit-iners and rioters among the marchers are, and have been, paid "wages and expenses," including fines when imposed.

In the bickering among the marchers on Montgomery, Alabama, it came to light that a hundreds of the marchers were drawing \$12 to \$14 per day and food. Naturally, they protested when out-of-staters hogged the show and some of them were "thrown out of work" when the number of marchers was limited by the width of the highway. P.S.:

"Pray for us. The next ten days will be the most dangerous. Those posing as clergy in rented uniforms are the epitome of anti-Christ! You should see some of them first hand."

So it turns out that the huge mass spontaneous demonstration was, to a great degree, phony, with hired marchers and hired preachers in rented "cloth."

It has also come out that many of the marchers of Washington last year were being paid. And the demonstration against the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco was pulled off mostly by hirelings—of whom? Who is paying for all these riots, sit-ins and marches? Well, who is expecting to "divide and conquer" America?

We deplore violence wherever it raises its ugly head, and we join with others in expressing sorrow and sympathy to the families of those who lost their lives because of the violence

# McGraw's Press

(National Review)

The French have a word for it -- for that sort of hopped-up, obsessive frenzy that seizes a community and drives it to irrational excesses, of both thought and conduct: the condition, for example, of much of the South Vietnamese public in the months prior to Diem's assassination, when even self-immolation became routine. The French have come to call it, simply, "intoxication"; and they have noted that, though this spiritual intoxication seems often to set in spontaneously, it can be induced or heightened by those whose interest it serves.

One begins to wonder whether Klan is judged with them or we Americans may not be, though no evidence has appeared near the edge of an Intoxicated to indicate that the Klan, as brought on by this heady brew an organization, is in any way of Freedom. Now, if we had a involved. "Everyone already drunk test for the spirit, what knows all that it is necessary to would it show of a community know about the Klan," commented the New York Times, that accepts lie-downs, by un-couth and grimy provocateurs, adding a typically drunken kind along the corridors and gates of gratuitous insult to the House ways of the home and head-quarters of the head of state? Committee on Un-American Activities, which proposes, in order That sees no absurdity when a to distinguish gossip from fact, mixed band of idealists, slobs, to investigate the Klan: "The fanatics and nihilists, whose committee, with its staff bloated avowed program is civil disobedience, demands an escort of never demonstrated any investigating competence." Sitting before the TV cameras on "Meet the Press," with the usually relentless interrogators transformed into acolytes, the Rev. Martin Luther King lays down his decrees with more Johnsonian

A Detroit woman is shot in Alabama, and four men are shortly thereafter arrested by the FBI, nominally as violators of her civil rights, in substance as her murderers. Within minutes the President, assuming their guilt, has broadcast to the country a ferocious denunciation, not of these four individuals, but of an organization to which they allegedly belong, and has called for still more laws to proscribe that organization. No one seems to think it odd that these men are judged guilty without trial, and that the

The Klan is judged with them though no evidence has appeared to indicate that the Klan, as an organization, is in any way involved. "Everyone already knows all that it is necessary to know about the Klan," comments the New York Times, adding a typically drunken kind of gratuitous insult to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which proposes, in order to distinguish gossip from fact, to investigate the Klan: "The committee, with its staff bloated by over-paid time-savers, has never demonstrated any investigating competence." Sitting before the TV cameras on "Meet the Press," with the usually relentless interrogators transformed into acolytes, the Rev. Martin Luther King lays down his decrees with more Johnsonian

decrees with more Johnsonian "I's" and "We's": there will be demonstrations and civil disobedience until our will is done; there must be a total economic boycott of Alabama. And even for that last senseless, as well as impossible proposal, there is no solemn discussion instead of laughter.

Buried on page 58 of the March 28 New York Times, there was a tiny dispatch from Hattiesburg, Miss., noting that Clodius Shinall, a 20-year-old Negro, had signed a statement admitting that the previous night, while driving with three other Negroes, he had shot and killed Constable Frederick L. Humphrey, 28 years old, and white. No relation, we gather, of the Vice President, who was not expected at the funeral.

## The American Way

By HARRY BROWNE

"The most basic American right is the right to vote!"

How many times we've heard that cliche. Superficially, it sounds reasonable. After all, we live in a "democracy" — why shouldn't every citizen have the opportunity to participate in his "government"?

But let's hold up just a minute — before we get carried away.

What does the right to vote mean? What happens when everyone can vote?

The right to vote means the right to decide what will happen to the money someone else has earned. The right to vote means the power to tell another individual what he may do with his own property.

We're told, of course, that there should be virtually no qualifications for voting. Anyone should have the right to tell you how much of your property will be confiscated by the politician.

Well, that sounds all right. But why not carry it to its logical conclusion? Why not lower the voting age to 12? After all, the youngsters are affected by the decisions at the polls.

And why not go into the prisons and register the thieves?

After all, most of them are imprisoned for handling others' money in the same way politicians do.

But now let's talk sense. Instead of giving everyone the right to vote, why not deny everyone the opportunity to vote on others' affairs? In other words, why not simply allow each individual to do what he chooses with his own property?

Why not limit the use of force to defending one's property — instead of using it to confiscate property in the name of the "public welfare"?

Won't work? Nonsense. If it's true that individuals are too dumb or too ignorant to run their own affairs, then how can they be trusted to elect men who will run everyone's affairs?

The "right to vote" is not the crucial issue of our time. It's a misleading phrase created to allow demagogues to acquire greater control over our lives.

The great issue of our time — as in all times — is the need for men to develop ways to protect their property and their lives from those who would use politics as a weapon to steal their freedom.

Don't you agree?

Read This

## Alabama Sadness

While there is talk among Rev. King, and you know that some people about boycotting here, as well as in any state or everyone and everything in Al-country anywhere, there are people are human beings too. "Were you disappointed, Rev.

The Huntsville, Ala., News King, when the five day march was accomplished with no but the recent murders in that state. We believe it is worth the marching and considering. Following is the editorial:

### THE SADDEST OF ALL

"Alabamaans today are heartbroken. They have seen their town Dallas, can there be protection for 30,000 demonstrators on the highways of Alabama late at night?

"And we say to Robert S.

ton, Imperial Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, we are glad that people

"Both could have been motivated sincerely in going to Selma to participate in the civil rights demonstrations. It's iniquitous of the good people of Alabama, sooner or later are should have been at home trying to solve social problems in their own backyard. They had their own reasons for being in Alabama, whether we agree with them or not.

"But we ask Martin Luther King, How many more human beings are you going to lead to their deaths before you decide that in civilized societies, conference tables, courts and legislative halls are better than streets for changing laws?

"We say King: You knew what was likely to happen — "They wept in all corners of the world. probably would happen — when the nation at news of the murder of Mrs. Liuzzo, but the from Selma to Montgomery, saddest state of all was Alabama. For you know Alabama people, bama."

# The Communist Connections Of Martin Luther King

Can Any American Believe It Is To The American People?  
And Me?

The following excerpt from a pamphlet published by THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN in 1963 reveals the background of Martin Luther King, leader of the Negro mass march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, which began on March 21.

## REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING

An article appearing in the March, 1935, booklet entitled PARTY ORGANIZER, issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., stated:

"In the United States there are five million of the Negro population organized in fraternal organizations, ten million in churches . . . We must systematically study how to penetrate among the millions of organized Negro workers."

In INTERNATIONAL OF YOUTH, published under the authority of the Young Communist International, headquarters in Moscow, March, 1935, appears the following:

" . . . In the South, especially for the Negro youth, the church is the center of all cultural and social activity. It is here that we must work. By building our units in the church organizations, we can improve our work . . . In Alabama there are certain places in which we can in a short while take over the church organizations of youth under our leadership, and these can become legal covers for our work in the South."

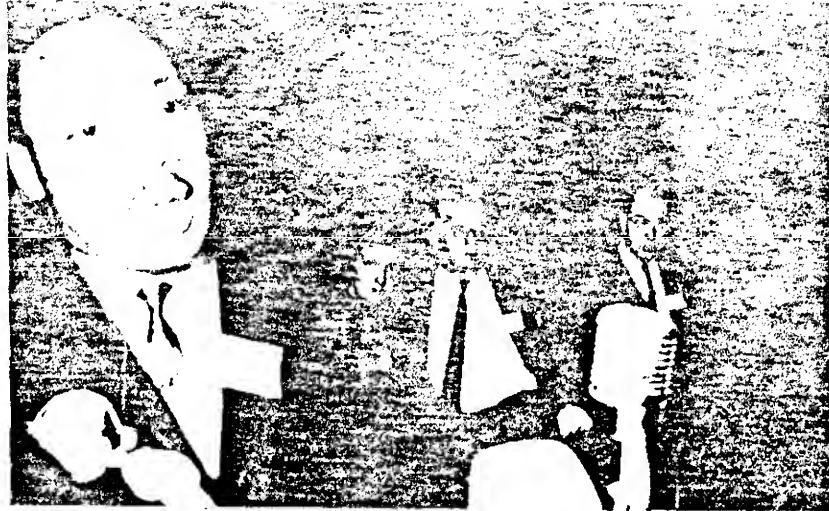
By a strange coincidence, the leader of the riots in Birmingham, Ala., in April, 1963, was a Negro minister by the name of Rev. Martin Luther King. According to an article appearing in the New Bedford, Mass., STANDARD-TIMES:

"Mr. King was quoted as telling a Chicago assembly last year, 'it (the Montgomery, Ala., boycott, in which there was much violence) is a part of something that is happening all over the world. The oppressed people are rising up. They are revolting against colonialism and imperialism and all other systems of oppression.'

When Martin Luther King draws a parallel between the situation of the American Negro and "oppressed people's" rights against "colonialism" and "imperialism" he is following exactly, to the word, the Communist line.

The Negro ex-Communist, Manning Johnson, appearing before the Joint Legislative Committee of the State of Louisiana on March 8, 1957, testified regarding Communist infiltration of Negro churches in the South, stating:

"They (the Communists) had two-fold purposes . . . First, to be



6th Annual Conference of SCEF, Birmingham, Ala.

Sept. 25-28, 1962

Rev. L. King, in response to Rev. Braden's speech  
Rev. Carl Braden, Jr.

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The above photograph was seized in a raid in 1963 on the headquarters in New Orleans of the Southern Conference Education Fund, which has been officially identified as a Communist front. Here is shown Martin Luther King, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who, for several years, has been in the forefront of racial agitation throughout the Nation. Below the photograph is a reproduction of the notation appearing on the back of the original photograph which indicates that three identified Communists, Anne and Carl Braden and James E. Dombrowski were among the principal speakers, along with Martin Luther King, at the Sixth Annual Conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Birmingham, Ala. on September 25-28, 1962. The handwriting is that of James Dombrowski. Although King denies connections with Communists, the above photograph proves otherwise.

Fred L. Shuttlesworth. An article in the June, 1963, issue of the CINCINNATI ENQUIRER identified Shuttlesworth as also the new president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund. According to the article, both the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Committee on Un-American Activities have described the SCEF as an organization set up to promote Communism throughout the South. The field secretary of the SCEF is an identified Communist by the name of Carl Braden, of Louisville, Kentucky.

## HUNTER PITTS O'DELL

Rev. Martin Luther King has a facility of attracting to his ranks men with highly questionable backgrounds. One of these is Jack H.

hired O'Dell. However, it soon became known that O'Dell was again in King's employ and, at a press conference in Atlanta on July 25, 1963, Rev. King admitted that on June 26 O'Dell had, "by mutual agreement," left the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a second time. King gave as the reason his concern that O'Dell's affiliation with the integration movement would be used against it by "segregationists and race baiters."

In other words, according to Rev. King, anyone who brings out the fact that a man with Communist affiliations is associated in a prominent position with the civil rights movement is a "race baiter."

BAYARD RUSTIN

ctor of the church to participate in various clandestine front activities . . . The older was to give a coat of protection and responsibility to the Communists operating in the South. For example, in a number of the States, the police officials were constantly after the Communists. Well, the best place for hiding was in the church. So they cloaked themselves in religion, becoming active members in the church."

Again, it is no coincidence that with increasing frequency Negro churches are becoming the assembling areas for mobilizing the Negro masses to pour into the streets in Negro demonstrations.

The activities of Martin Luther King have met with beaming approval by members of the Communist Party, U.S.A. In the pamphlet entitled TURNING POINT IN FREEDOM ROAD published in 1962, the Negro Communist Claude Lightfoot praises Rev. King by describing his activities as "the healthiest sign in the whole Negro struggle."

#### THE STRANGE ASSOCIATES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

King conducts most of his racial agitation activities in his capacity as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The national secretary of King's organization is a Negro by the name of Rev.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell appearing in the ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT of October 25, 1962, stated:

"A Communist has infiltrated to the top administrative post in the Rev. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He is Jack H. O'Dell, acting executive director of Conference activities in southeastern states . . . From his birth in Detroit in 1923 until as late as 1958, he was known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell. This O'Dell, by whatever name, operates as a concealed member of the national committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., according to a highly authoritative source."

On April 12, 1956, Hunter Pitts O'Dell invoked the Fifth Amendment when testifying before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. However, Robert Morris, counsel for the subcommittee, said information had been received that O'Dell was, in fact, district organizer for the Communist Party in New Orleans. Hundreds of documents seized at O'Dell's home substantiated his position in the Communist conspiracy.

Shortly after the above-mentioned article appeared in the ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT and in other newspapers throughout the country, King accepted O'Dell's resignation. When public attention was no longer focused on King and his relationship with O'Dell, King quietly re-

placed him.

Rev. Martin Luther King is Bayard Rustin, a Pennsylvania-born Negro with a British accent. One of Rustin's activities during the period of five years that he served as secretary to Rev. Martin Luther King, was to organize King's 1968 march on Washington which the Communist publication THE WORLDR called "a Communist project."

Briefly, here is the sordid background of Rev. King's former personal secretary:

On January 21, 1953, Bayard Rustin pleaded guilty in Pasadena, Calif., to a charge of sex perversion and was sentenced to 60 days. Earlier, as a student at the College of the City of New York, in 1936, Rustin joined the Young Communist League. In World War II he served 26 months in Federal prisons as a conscientious objector.

When A. Philip Randolph, chairman of the August 28, 1963, march on Washington, was confronted with the background facts on the march's deputy director, Rustin, and was asked if such a record would cause the replacement of Rustin, Randolph replied "No, he's Mister March himself! We couldn't do without him."

It is not surprising that Martin Luther King associates himself with characters tagged with Communist-front labels when King's own views are coming nearer and nearer to those of the Communist Party itself. In addressing the march on Washington participants in August, 1963, Rev. King promised that there would be "neither rest nor tranquillity in America" and that "the winds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation" until his aims are met.

The "revolt" or "revolution" which was so frequently referred to by the speakers in Washington is not really one for so-called Negro "rights," but is, instead, a revolution to seize political power in this nation in order to first hoist the flag of Socialism -- and ultimately, Communism -- over the United States of America.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The information concerning Martin Luther King as stated above is only a small portion of the documented facts contained in TAX FAX #46, which exposes Communist influence in the Civil Rights movement. Also included is a list of the NAACP leaders with Communist or Communist-front affiliations. For copies of this important pamphlet, TAX FAX #46, write THE INDEPENDENT AMERICAN, P.O. Box 4223, New Orleans, La. 70118. Price: 25¢ per copy; 10 for \$1.00; 100 for \$10.00.)

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The April 28, 1965 issue of the "Los Angeles Times", a daily Los Angeles metropolitan newspaper, Section 1, Page 3, carried an article entitled "200 Selma Negroes Lose Jobs, Dr. King Charges." The article dealt with a speech delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King on Tuesday, April 27, 1965 on the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). The article quoted Dr. King as stating that 200 Negroes had been fired from their jobs in Selma, Alabama because they registered to vote. Dr. King called for a "Domestic Freedom Corps" of 2,000 students from northern and western universities to work this summer in 120 counties of the Deep South to help get Negroes to register to vote.

The article stated that Dr. King spoke under the auspices of a UCLA speakers program series and was paid \$2,500.00 for the appearance. He was introduced by UCLA Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy. The article stated that King was "whisked under heavy guard" to the platform where he spoke to the audience.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 28, 1965 that Dr. Martin Luther King, accompanied by his aide, Bernard Lee, departed Los Angeles on April 28, 1965 at approximately 8:40 AM via Trans World Airlines, Flight 174Y for St. Louis, Missouri, where they were due to arrive at 1:42 PM St. Louis time. Dr. King indicated that he might go on to Atlanta, Georgia from St. Louis before making any other stops.

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Your letter of April 29th has been received, and the thought which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret that I am unable to be of further help in this instance but trust you will understand the reasons for this policy.

Enclosed is some material on the general topic of communism which I hope you will find of interest. Perhaps you may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

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As an individual citizen who is disgusted with the things going on throughout the country, especially now in the South, regarding civil rights, I have some questions in my mind on the various reports covering the subject. If you can, please help me answer some of them.

Sometime ago, maybe two or three years, some newspapers carried a picture of Martin Luther King attending a Communist training session. Some other people who saw it, say it could have been taken almost anywhere. As I understand, this picture was taken by an F.B.I. agent. My question here, of course, is: Did Martin Luther King attend these Communist training sessions? Another question: If it true that he was and is affiliated with over 60 Communist front organizations? If not more than 60, then how many, if any?

I must admit that from what I have learned of Communistic tactics, it looks as though he is using them since Communists always seem to effect the best results by "using" people who would otherwise hate Communism if it was called by that name. . .such as the ministers, priests and nuns who took part in the marches.

I know you are a busy man carrying out important work and ask only for a simple but clear reply.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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P.S.: I wish to add that in speaking with many Negro acquaintances, my husband and I find that they are just as disgusted with Martin Luther King for taking advantage of the ignorance of the less fortunate and/or not too-well-educated of their people. I can understand this feeling as I felt the same way about my relatives in Poland.

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FROM D. C. Morrell

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OF POST CARD DEPICTING MARTIN LUTHER KING  
AND OTHERS AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL

By communication dated 4/26/65, captioned congressman, Democrat, who was elected 11/64 and for whom no derogatory information appears in Bufiles, forwarded a post card depicting Martin Luther King and others at an alleged communist training school. Gilligan asked the names of the three people sitting near Dr. King and that this post card be returned to him. On the reverse side of the post card the names were set forth and a description as to where they appeared. This photograph is readily recognized as one widely being circulated by individuals attempting to point out the true nature of King's activities. A circular received by this Bureau frequently as reprinted from the "Augusta Courier" on 7/8/63 shows the photograph from which the post card picture was cropped. Actually the post card cropped Abner W. Berry and the description on the reverse side would tend to indicate that Berry was the person known to the Bureau as Myles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School.

According to Bufiles the individuals depicted in the circular are properly identified. All of these individuals are well known to the Bureau for their communist-front activities and connections.

OBSERVATIONS:

It would be difficult to put in writing the description of the true photograph from which the post card was cropped; however, a personal contact could deliver the circular and the congressman could be apprised of the proper names to be utilized in connection with his request.

RECOMMENDATION:

That someone from your (Mr. DeLoach's) office make the appropriate contact with Congressman Gilligan or his Administrative Assistant and tactfully refer to the confidential nature of data appearing in our files. At this time the attached post card can be returned to him along with the attached circular from the "Augusta Courier" and the "cropping" of Berry can be explained orally. Naturally we cannot verify nor disclaim the characterizations of these men.

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*Respectfully referred to*

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

If it is possible to do so,  
will you kindly advise me the  
names of the three people  
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*Very respectfully,*

*John J. Gilligan*  
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# MARTIN LUTHER KING...AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

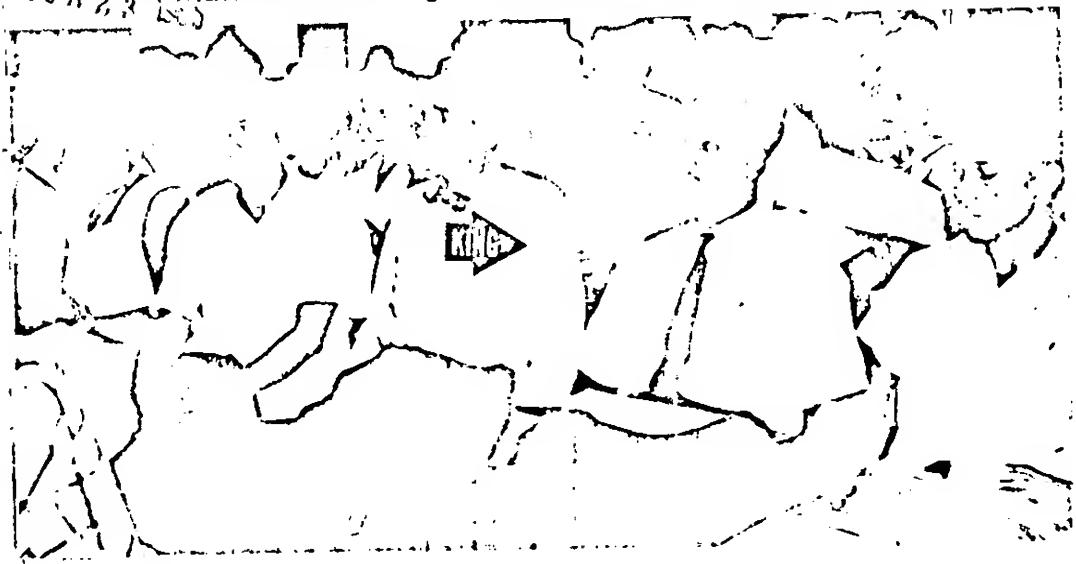
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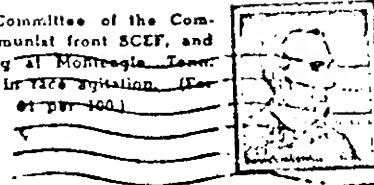
ENCLOSURE

APR 22, 1968  
Martin Luther King at Communist Training School



Lower left, arms folded, is Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. To King's right, Aubrey Williams, one of the communist front SCEF, and Myles Horton, dir. Highlander Folk School, are communists training at Montregia, Tenn. This picture taken by secret counteragent during a Red Workshop in race agitation. (For additional copies, write Councilor, Oil & Gas Bldg., Shreveport, La. at per 400.)

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